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36.(Currently Amended) A composition for treating ~~rhinitis, sinusitis,~~ epistaxis and post surgical irrigation of nasal passage ways which essentially consisting of;

~~A.~~ about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,

~~B.~~ water, and

~~C.~~ a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

37.(Previously Presented) The composition of claim 36 which is a nasal spray formulation.

38.(Currently Amended) A method for treating ~~rhinitis, sinusitis,~~ epistaxis and post surgical irrigation of nasal passage ways which comprises administering into the nasal passageway a composition essentially consisting of;

~~A.~~ about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,

~~B.~~ water, and

~~C.~~ a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

39.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein epistaxis is treated.

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42.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the composition provides post surgical irrigation.

43.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the composition is sprayed into the nasal passageway.

44.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein said composition comprises about 0.5 to 5 grams per liter of said mineral content.